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SUBJECT: TRANSLINEAR: BAYARD PRESS CONFERENCE ON
CROOK'S TESTIMONY

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 0604

1. LE MATIN AND LE NOUVEAU MONDE CARRIED THE MARCH 4 BAYARD PRESS CONFERENCE TOP-CENTER FRONT PAGE. BOTH REPORTED THAT BAYARD, ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS, CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT THE GOH SOLICITED BRIBES IN EXCHANGE FOR A CONTRACT TO DEVELOP TORTUGA ISLAND. BOTH PAPERS HIGHLIGHTED BAYARD'S DESCRIPTION OF THE CARDEN-CROOK TESTIMONY TO THE PROXIMIRE COMMITTEE AS "GROSS BLACKMAIL FROM TWO FRUSTRATED INTERNATIONAL ADVENTURERS." LE MATIN EMPHASIZE BAYARD'S DESCRIPTION OF THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS BETWEEN THE GOH AND TRANSLINEAR FROM APRIL 1975. LE NOUVEAU MONDE CARRIED THE COMPLETE TEXT OF AN OCTOBER 8 1975 (NOT JULY 16 PER REFTTEL) CABLE FROM CARDEN TO BAYARD AND BAYARD'S LETTER REPLY DATED OCTOBER 20. COMMENT. THE EMBASSY HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY SEEN THE OCTOBER CABLE BUT FORWARDED COPIES OF THE OCTOBER 20 LETTER WITH TRANSLATION TO THE DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK. END COMMENT.

2. LE MATIN QUOTED BAYARD AS TERMING FALSE THE
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TRANSLINEAR ALLEGATION THAT "THE COMPANY WAS REFUSED

ACCESS TO ITS EQUIPMENT, PLANS, AND SUPPLIES IN HAITI,"
ADDING THAT TRANSLINEAR'S REPRESENTATIVE IN HAITI IS
DISCUSSING THEIR SALE WITH A HAITIAN FIRM.

3. THE EVENING PAPER LE NOUVELLISTE IS EXPECTED TO
PROVIDE SIMILAR COVERAGE.

4. THE LE MATIN AND NOUVEAU MONDE ARTICLES ARE BEING
FORWARDED TO ARA/CAR.
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